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MISSION STATEMENT: To enhance the quality of life and promote a harmonious community through the timely publication of accurate information about residents, events, and activities in and around Symphony Village.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Paul Mallon
164 Orchestra Place

Steven Shoop and Claudia Stewart
231 Concerto Avenue

Amy Waller
129 Encore Court

NOVEMBER 2023 SV HOA BOD

BILL RIDGWAY, PRESIDENT

The Board began the current year with concerns that inflation and Maryland's new HOA reserve requirements would make it more challenging to balance our budget, even after the difficult decision to increase 2023 fees by \$30 a month. We are pleased to report that we remain in a strong financial position as we look ahead to 2024. Our projected expenses for this year are about \$100K under budget while projected income is \$25K higher than forecast due to our interest earnings. The strong showing can be attributed both to good luck (no snow, fewer expensive irrigation repairs, and higher savings interest rates) as well as conservative financial planning. Similar planning allowed us to build a 2024 Draft Budget with no planned fee increase.

Residents can best understand how your HOA is managed by attending Board and Committee meetings and also by reading the latest Management Report. Rebecca's reports are quite remarkable and will bring you up to date on a long list of ongoing activities.

The most recent report can be found on our SV Website Governance page under the Board's October 27 **Meeting Reference Materials**. <https://symphonyvillage.net/202310-board-reference-materials> It's great reading. We remind you to please consider volunteering for a committee in 2024!

NOTES

Notes listed below discuss business conducted or reported at our last Board Meeting on October 27. The notes do not represent an official record. Minutes must be approved by the Board at a future meeting and will be posted on the SV Website once approved.

Stormwater Inlet/Outflow Restoration: The Board voted to accept a Second Wind Construction and Contracting proposal (\$9,656) to repair stormwater swale inlet grates and Pond #2 outflow and erosion issues. The concrete repairs serve to prevent future damage to HOA and homeowner property.

Saltwater Pool Conversion: The Board received an estimate (\$27,900) to convert the indoor pool and spa to saltwater but took no action. The Board was given an informal summary of resident polling on the matter plus information about health advantages. Operations has reviewed cost and technical issues of conversion but is not yet in a position to estimate costs for future annual maintenance and component replacement. The topic will remain on the Board agenda.

Fitness Equipment Orientation Sessions: The Board voted to engage RMS Fitness to provide one-hour overview/introduction sessions for groups of residents on the use of both newly installed and existing equipment. We approved up to \$600 for about six sessions based on demand.

Interior Design Consultant: Based on the recommendation of the Operations Committee as part of our Reserves Study process, the Board approved hiring a consultant to guide future design decisions for the Clubhouse interior. The approved amount is \$3,000 for 2023.

2024 Pool Service Contract: The Board approved renewing the contract with Anchor Aquatics (\$28,560—a 6% increase over 2023).

Reserve Study: The Board voted to accept the FY2024 Reserve Study as prepared by Miller Dodson Consultants. Based on this updated study, our required minimum annual contribution to Reserves in 2024 will be \$145,514, down from the \$176,078 requirement in 2023. Miller Dodson did not provide a specific rationale for this change, as it comes from accounting for hundreds of individual Reserve elements.

2024 Draft Budget: The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee and adopt the 2024 Draft Budget prepared by SV Management with no fee increase. This budget has now been mailed to Residents via USPS along with Ballot and Proxy materials for the December 6 Annual Meeting of the Association.

Winter Pruning: The Board approved Bartlett Tree Experts proposal (\$26,714) for tree care services to be completed by December 14. Pruning will include about 292 street trees—oak and river birch trees in front of Clubhouse and crepe myrtles in the rear of the Clubhouse.

Green Thumb Industries (GTI) Discussion with Symphony Village Residents: The Board authorized Management to arrange for GTI to meet with interested Symphony Village residents in the Clubhouse Ballroom. It was confirmed that this is not a Board-sponsored event but done for the convenience of residents at the request of the Centreville Town Council.

ARTISANS GUILD

SUE CANFIELD & KATHY MCMANUS, CO-CHAIRS

November Events inspire and Motivate

Symphony Village Artisans held many classes during the month of November to inspire and motivate the creative side of our residents. Janet O'Connor taught several ladies to make a cornucopia out of bread dough. The cornucopia makes a beautiful centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table.



Jenny Gallo

Juanda Rogers taught a class how to make stunning pendants. She showed the participants how to wrap a polished stone and a piece of sea glass in silver wire to create a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry.

And Then...A New Art Show: Artist's Choice

All of the artists chose one of their favorite works or a brand new piece to be displayed for this show that runs through February. Our *Artist of the Show* is Bonnie Griffith Doss. Bonnie chose many paintings for your viewing pleasure. If you did not come to our reception, you not only missed the stunning artwork and delicious appetizers, but also missed the music played by Sandy Cheyne and Rick Strittmater, Executive Director of the Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts in Centreville. Be sure to stop by the Concert Hall to see how much talent we have here in the Village.



Joyce Anderson, Debra Corselli, Debbie Buss, Lois Monetti, Josie Boisvert



Bonnie Griffith



Rick Strittmater & Sandy Cheyne

LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION—AUTUMN ACTION

BETTY MCATEE

With the extremes of summer weather gone and arrival of fall's cooler and more moderate temperatures, gardeners busily prepare for the next spring/summer's living landscape. Such is happening in Symphony Village.

- Five new Zelkova trees will be planted to replace five street trees planted in 2022 that did not survive.
- Summersweet (Clethra) shrubs that show early spring white blossoms were recently planted along the guardrail on Bravo Boulevard; they replace the diseased knockout rose shrubs.
- A new buffer/pollinator garden was planted in early September along the walking path near Pond One with a diverse collection of native shrubs and perennials. A river rock stabilizing upper border was added. As these plants grow and mature, the rainfall runoff down the slope will be lessened. Birds and butterflies will be attracted to the berries and blossoms. Educational signage at the site will soon identify the purpose of the garden.
- New fall colors have been added at the Symphony Boulevard entrance/exit monument beds, specifically a harvest mix of pansies (yellow, purple, and orange) and white winter cabbage. Yellow pansies, evergreen spirals, dusty miller, and white kale were added to the two planter pots at the Clubhouse entrance.



Planting Buffer Garden

In the later fall months, a selected number of street and common area trees are due to receive pruning services for the purposes of foliar shaping, removal of interfering branches, and sidewalk/mowing clearance. These pruning directives from the L&I Committee this season will bring landscape beautification to our Village.

Successful landscape maintenance/beautification efforts in Symphony Village depend on a group of dedicated volunteers in the L&I committee. The 2024 BOD candidates have expressed the importance of keeping our community in tip-top shape. Committee sign-ups for next year are now open. Any resident who considers it important to keep the landscape in *tip-top shape*, should consider becoming a member of the L&I Committee.

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE—NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MARYJO KEEFE & VINNY VOLPICELLI, CO-CHAIRS MARIE BOSSIE, CORRESPONDENT

The Lifestyle Committee (LS) members are busy preparing for the upcoming holiday events. We hope you take the time to participate in one of the upcoming events before 2024 rolls in. Come out to meet your new neighbors and/or relax and socialize with friends. Symphony Village (SV) residents continue to provide lots of positive feedback about the events provided each month.

- Community Yard Sale, Saturday, October 7: Forty homes participated in the Yard Sale. Balloons were provided and were tied to lampposts to identify participants. Ed Beres provided survival kits of water and snacks to all participating residents. With the Northbrook Community also having its fall yard sale the same day, there was a lot of traffic all morning. Participants were pleased. Thanks to Susan Rayner for coordinating this event.
- Healthy Lifestyles sessions held the last two Wednesdays in October: This program will be on hiatus until 2024. Carolyn Harty will resume weekly meetings on January 3, if interest continues. Let her know if you are interested in attending at mdgalonthemove@yaRhoo.com.
- Len Saltiel Presented A Photographic Tour of North America on Friday, October 27, at 7 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Len has traveled and photographed extensively in the United States and Canada. His first love, landscape photography, was the focus of the presentation. The photographs included scenes from the American Southwest (Monument Valley), the Canadian Rocky Mountains, Yosemite National Park in California, Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, and the Oregon Coast. Fifty attendees, many in awe, enjoyed his presentation and look forward to another in 2024. Len has some of his work hanging in the Concert Hall. Take a peek. Thanks to Len for all the work he put into the presentation.
- Movie night—Saturday, October 28, Randy presented *Mission Impossible-Dead Reckoning*.
- Halloween Karaoke: Tuesday, October 31, 6 – 9 p.m. Music was provided by Eddie Hittman. Many groups, solos, and duos participated in karaoke. The Dream Team Lifestyle Committee opened with “Sweet Caroline.” We had so much fun. In addition, many attendees came in great costumes.
- Costume Contest Winners: Carol and Doug Peed won for most unique costume, Kathy Sanetrik and Bobbie King won for most out of character costume, Rosemary and Anthony Rosenberger won for cutest, Kateri Coombs, Teresa Athas, Annette Nelson, and Paula Tickler for best group, and Bob Hooper for scariest costume. The softball team provided a Flash Dance. It was fun! Raffle basket winners were ecstatic. Residents are already planning their costumes for next year.



*Cutest Costume,
Rosemary & Anthony Rosenberger*



*Most Original,
Carol & Doug Peed*



*One of many witches,
Maria Koszalka,*



*Scariest Costume,
Bob Hooper*



*Most Out of Character,
Bobbie King and Kathy Sanetrik*



*Best Group, Annette Nelson,
Teresa Athas, Kateri Coombe*



*Event Chair, Anne Marie Mason,
Pumpkin Costume*

Thanks to Anne Marie Mason and her team for all the many hours that went into planning and organizing this great event.

- Vaccinations, Thursday, November 2, Edwards Pharmacy: Thirty-five residents received vaccinations provided by Trish from Edwards Pharmacy. Thanks to Mary Jo Volpicelli for coordinating this with Edwards Pharmacy.
- Gadgets, Gizmos, Tricks, and Tips, Sunday, November 12: Jenny Gallo presented another fun event—an afternoon of sampling the latest wines, cheeses, and IPAs recommended for holiday entertaining. There was also a presentation of 20 plus gadgets and holiday shopping ideas.
- Participants learned what each gadget does, how much it costs, and where items are available for purchase. It was a great afternoon. Thanks again to Jenny for a fun, informative event.

Upcoming Events

- November 25: Randy is presenting *The Miracle Club* with Kathy Bates, a true story of four ladies planning a trip to Lourdes, France.

- December 30, Movie TBA.
- January 27, Randy will present *Oppenheimer*.
- Night of Lights and Soup Night, Tuesday, November 28: Get out your favorite soup recipe and join us for a special night. We will be turning on all the outside decorations and lights to kick off the holiday season. You will not want to miss this extravagant event. Volunteers are needed to help serve the soup. Soup will be served in two shifts from 6 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. In addition, there will be many yummy desserts.
- Volunteers are needed: Help is needed on all the sub-committees; sign up in the Wall Street Room. Get involved. Come out and join your neighbors. Ed and Cindy Beres will be providing hot chocolate and snacks before the lights are turned on. The Chorale singers from SV will be singing carols as well.
- Floodlights: If you have a floodlight that we could use for that evening, it would be appreciated. Please let Amy Landen know—301-651-9423.
- Holiday Decorations: The LS Committee members have been busy coordinating the decoration of the Clubhouse as well as outside in the community. So many residents joined in this huge undertaking. We will turn on all the outside lights prior to soup being served on the November 28. Thanks to Mary Colling-Officer and Carol Peed for coordinating this effort and everyone who helped in this humongous endeavor. Come see the transformation of the Clubhouse and the community lights.
- Holiday Social Hour, December 16: Fourth quarter birthdays will be celebrated along with the singing of Christmas carols. Dress in your holiday finest and join your neighbors for a fun social evening. Do not forget to bring an appetizer or dessert.
- House Decorating contest: Our annual home decorating contest will be held the week of December 17. Decorate your home and add to the festivities for all to see and appreciate. There will be a first, second, and third prize awarded. The judges will be independent individuals, not residents of the SV community. No sign-up required.
- Holly Tour, Sunday, December 17: We are looking for 10 – 12 households who would be willing to show off the holiday decorations in their homes to neighbors. On December 17, participants will open their homes from 4:30 – 6 p.m. Participants may serve cookies, cake, tea, coffee. More information will follow. Booties will be provided at each participating home. This is a free event, but those interested in being part of the Holly Tour must sign up in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse by December 10. Thanks to Susan Rayner for coordinating this event. Call her with any questions. 410-533-1705
- New Year's Eve Party, December 31, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.: Our favorite DJ Eddie Hittman returns with great music, dancing, and karaoke. A champagne toast will be provided at midnight. Bring snacks to share. Cost is \$5 per person. Sign-up sheets are in the Wall Street Room. Join us to bring in the New Year.
- Mark your calendar: Pat Fox will be providing a session on UFOs on March 22, 2024, at the Clubhouse.

Thanks to all who signed up to host the Friday and Saturday Night Social Hours for the rest of 2023. The next Saturday Social hour is on November 18. Email Helen Fitzgerald, Coordinator, at helen6289@gmail.com with any questions.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

MARYKAY KERR, CHAIR

Thanks to all the residents who contribute articles and pictures to the *Libretto*. The editors have one request: when you submit a picture, please identify the residents in the photo with a caption. If you are submitting more than one picture and caption, please number the pictures 1, 2, 3, etc. and label the corresponding captions with the number that describes or identifies the residents in the picture, so we get the correct caption with the correct photo. Thanks for your help.



Thank you to SV residents and their guests who came to the Annual Card and Game Party. Everyone enjoyed a great lunch and good time with friends and neighbors. We raised \$2,500! We donated \$1,000 to the Goodwill Fire Company Ambulance Service and \$1,000 to the Haven Ministries Food Pantry. The remaining balance will go

towards our regular donations for the year. Thank you for helping us!



*(First Row) Jo Kirchner, Judy Hornung,
(Second Row) Betty Lord, Marcella Hilgartner, and Harriet
Goodmuth, going all out for Mexican Train*



*(Left to right) Christine Perkins, Director of the Haven Ministries
Food Pantry, receiving check from Carol Peed and JoAnn Walker
from Outreach.*

A special thank you to those who contributed through Outreach to the ALS Walk. Together, we donated \$470. The ALS Walk goal was to raise \$35,000; they reached \$65,000.

COMING UP

Our annual Food Card Drive is coming up November 15–20. Checks in increments of \$10 (up to any amount) made out to SVOPI with **Food Drive** in the memo line may be placed in the black box at the Clubhouse or in the designated box in front of the Quigley home—509 Symphony Way. These donations are used to buy Food Lion and Acme gift cards to be distributed by Queen Anne’s County Social Services.

We are also sponsoring the Annual Christmas Giving Tree program to provide shoes, clothing, and toys for QAC children in need. You can select a tag from the tree located in the Clubhouse and pick up the instruction sheet for buying and wrapping the gifts. Coats must be delivered to the Clubhouse by November 17. All other gifts must be delivered by December 9.

In addition to the already mentioned donations, Outreach will give to the Haven Ministries Homeless Shelter, the Talisman Therapeutic Riding Program, and the food pantries at Our Mother of Sorrows Church and the Centreville United Methodist Church.

In this Thanksgiving season, we are especially thankful for the generous support of Symphony Village residents!

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

LUNCH BUNCH—DECEMBER 7

BEA TROTTA & MARGE STRANO

The December Lunch Bunch will take us to a very familiar dining spot, the [Narrows Restaurant](#) located at 3023 Kent Narrow Way South, Grasonville. Our reservations are set for Thursday, December 7, at 12:30 p.m. The **Narrows Restaurant** offers beautiful waterfront dining in a casual and relaxing atmosphere. The menu has been expanded to include vegetarian and gluten free options. See the menu at <https://thenarrowsrestaurant.com/menu/>



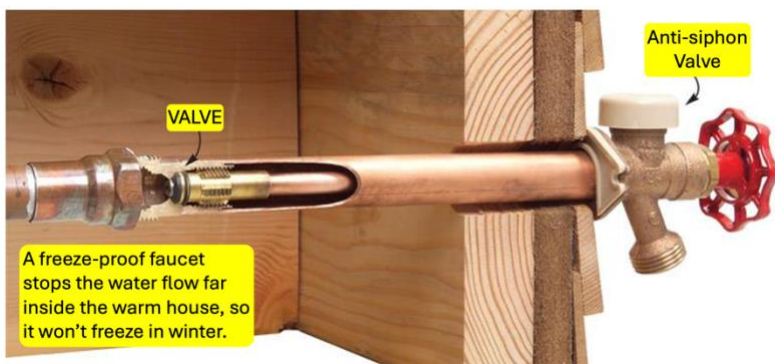
Recently, the Narrows Restaurant has made their famous crab cakes and other Narrows specialties available for nationwide delivery online through the [Goldbelly](#) website. Orders can be delivered directly to your home for you to prepare and serve to your family and guests. You can also have orders delivered as a gift to friends and family.

Sign up online for the December Lunch Bunch starting November 16 by using the [Lunch Bunch sign-up link](#). You can also go to the [Symphony Village Website](#) and scroll down to *Current and Upcoming SV Events* and click the link. As usual, you can sign up in the Club Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 (cell 610-217-4754) or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 (cell 609-221-6378) if you have a question or need a ride.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

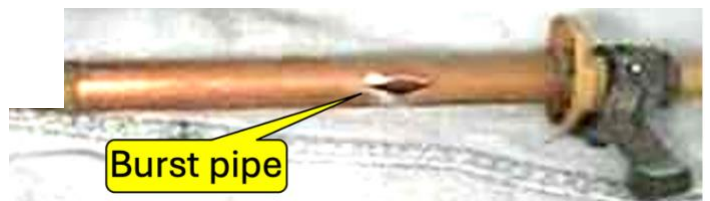
JOHN OLSON, CERT COORDINATOR

WINTERIZE YOUR HOSE BIBB



A hose bibb, also known as an outdoor faucet, is a valve attached to the exterior of a home to connect a garden hose or other outdoor water device.

It is important to winterize your hose bibb before the cold weather arrives to prevent it from freezing and bursting.



This is how you do it:

Shut off the water supply valve. This valve is usually located indoors under a sink in the kitchen or bathroom near the hose bibb. Turn the handle perpendicular to the pipe to close the valve.

Disconnect the hose and any other attachments. Drain any remaining water from the hose and attachments and store them in a dry place. Because they may hold onto water, hoses are vulnerable to breaking and degradation if the water within freezes. After detaching your hose, wrap it and put it up to ensure it is dry.

Open the faucet to drain any remaining water from the pipe. This will help to prevent the pipe from freezing and bursting.

Install a faucet cover. A faucet cover will help to insulate the faucet and prevent it from freezing.

Keep the faucet open throughout the winter. This will allow any water that expands due to freezing to escape, preventing the pipe from bursting.

Winterizing your hose bibbs is a simple and easy way to prevent frozen pipes and leaks. It only takes a few minutes to do, and it can save you a lot of time and money in the long run.

READING FOR FUN —MAY 2023 REVIEW

JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club met on October 21 to discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Attendees included: Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Bob Nilsson, Jim and Kathryn Buckheit, Mary Jo Volpicelli, Len and Carol Saltiel, Donna Harkins, Judy Scully, Peggy Decker, JoAnn Walker, and Sue Goldberg.

My sister Sara loved horses when we were young in Cleveland, Ohio. She seemed to have so much fun riding that I thought I should try some horseback riding myself. But when I would mount a horse, the animal seemed focused on biting my leg. After some serious ten-year-old reflection, I decided that horses just hated me. So, I confess to some trepidation when the Book Club selected *Horse* for our most recent novel. I am pleased to report that the book did not trigger any nightmares and, indeed, was one of the most enjoyable reads for me this year.

The author skillfully blends a fictional modern story with factual history about the greatest thoroughbred in American history. *Lexington* is the horse's name, and he was foaled in Kentucky in the years prior to the Civil War. America had a robust racing scene and rich horse owners were just starting to make inroads into European bloodlines. Horses were raised and trained by a mixture of white and black horsemen, both slave and free. While most of the characters in *Lexington*'s story are based on real historical figures, the author creates Jarret, a slave boy, to tell the story of *Lexington*'s life.

The modern fiction centers around two characters: an Australian woman who is an expert at constructing skeletons for Smithsonian displays and a black male writer who has come in possession of a partially finished horse painting. Needless to say, both the painting and skeleton connect the two to *Lexington*. Their investigations allow us to follow his life in the nineteenth century and their attraction creates a romantic backstory. It never hurts to include a little kissy face.

Geraldine Brooks writes with great clarity and introspective conclusions about the multifaceted racing scene of the nineteenth century. For example, black trainers could share in some the racing proceeds that allowed them to save funds to purchase their manumission. This was the situation with *Lexington*'s trainer who bought his own freedom but had not accumulated enough savings to free his son, Jarret. When the owner sold *Lexington* to another horseman, Jarret was sold with him. Jarret wanted to stay with the horse, but he was now separated from his family. *Lexington*'s prospering racing career offered the possibility that Jarret could also purchase his freedom as opposed to becoming a runaway. After all, he had access to a horse, and freedom at the Ohio border was not far away.

I was also fascinated by the interconnection between horse paintings, popular in the nineteenth century, and skeletal reconstruction done for museum display. Paintings of horses while they are alive are a critical aid to properly reconstructing the bones. The investigations described in the modern portion of the story even created an *Indiana Jones* vibe. For adventure and excitement, the author describes a raid by Quantrill's Raiders on the actual farm where *Lexington* was housed. *Lexington* was moved safely to Illinois to protect against marauding Confederate raiders, but lives were lost during the actual incident.

The Book Club enjoyed *Horse* immensely and found it hard to put down, a compliment to Ms. Brooks' writing style. Several club members had read other books by the author; and, as much as they enjoyed this book, reported that some of her other books are even better. The Book Club rated the book 8.75 on our ten-point scale—our top rating since 2019.

We hold hybrid meetings, so contact me if you would like to attend virtually. My email is sikes.withers@yahoo.com. We are not meeting in November but a list of book selections after December is below. We meet at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse on the third Tuesday of each month.

December 19 —*Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

January 16, 2024—*The Maid* by Nita Prose

February 20—*Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

March 19—*The Twyford Code* by Janice Hallett

April 16—*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

May 21—*Mad Honey* by Jennifer Finney Boylan and Jodi Picoult

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

QUEEN ANNE'S CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

ELEANOR STRIETMAN

Everyone is a child at Christmas! At 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, and again at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, Queen Anne's Chorale will present *Christmas Memories*—a concert for both the young and the young at heart. Both concerts will be performed at the Centreville Methodist Church. Familiar holiday songs about Santa and his reindeer will have you humming along triggering memories of Christmas celebrations through the years. What a perfect way to get into the holiday spirit!

You will need to purchase your concert tickets online. To do so, go to www.qachorale.org and select the date you wish to attend. Either print and bring your paper ticket or keep the ticket on your phone and have it scanned for admission. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students, 13–17. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for each concert. Children through age 12 will be admitted FREE. Everyone must have a ticket and children must be accompanied by an adult.

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE

PREPARED BY KAREN PATTERSON

ADAPTED FROM A LOW FOODMAP RECIPE

Ingredients

1 Tbsp. olive oil
1.5 lb. lean ground beef
½ cup leeks, green tips only
14 oz. can petite diced tomatoes
3 Tbsp. tomato paste
1 tsp. oregano, dried
1 tsp. basil, dried

½ tsp. thyme, dried
Small plastic container baby spinach,
salt and pepper to taste
10.6 oz. gluten free spaghetti
½ cup cheddar or Colby cheese grated
1 small bag of baby carrots, cut into match sticks
⅔ cup chopped green beans, cut into one-inch pieces

Cooking Utensils: 1 large fry pan, 1 large saucepan

Directions

- Roughly chop the baby spinach and finely chop tips of leeks. Cut carrot sticks and green beans, set aside.
- Heat large fry pan on medium heat with a splash of the olive oil. Cook lean ground beef until browned.
- Add canned tomatoes, tomato paste, leek tips, spinach, and all dried herbs. Mix well on low heat for 20 minutes; add salt and pepper to taste.
- Cook spaghetti according to instruction on package. Serve sauce over cooked pasta.

SYMPHONY VILLAGE CHAIN GANG

DAVE PETERSON

The Symphony Village Chain gang just completed its 15th season working the sidelines at the Queen Anne's High School (QAHS) football games. The original 2009 Chain Gang started with ten men and one woman. With the addition of three new members this year, 40 Symphony Village residents have participated over the years. Four of the original members are still working the sidelines. We continue to have the best seats available and a touch of excitement when a play gets too close. The photo below was taken at the Annual Potluck Supper and includes 11 of the 14 active members, former members, and the QAHS Athletic Director and his secretary.



CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

CENTREVILLE AREA HAPPENINGS PLUS

CHARLOTTE GODFREY



*Massey Open Hangar Party & Fly-in
Saturday, December 3*



*Festival of Trains at Kent Narrows Outlet Center,
Saturday, December 3*

So much to enjoy! Scroll through the listings for more adventures!

Massey Open Hangar Party & Fly In: Rain or shine, free event. Tour the air museum, hangers DC-3 and An-2 biplane. Watch the field fill up with over 100 fly-in guests, bring a covered dish or dessert (optional), Sunday, December 3 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Massey Air Museum. www.masseyaero.org

2023 Festival of Trains: 10,000 square feet of indoor trains and displays including a new Lego train layout, big trains, and small trains. They have it all. Free admission at the Kent Narrows Outlet Center Saturday and Sunday, December 2, 3, and 9, 10 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Queen Anne’s County YMCA – It’s new and fabulous: Take a guided tour. Many free activities for seniors including use of the Olympic-size indoor pool, walking track, wellness center, activities, and games. 210 Vincit Street, Centreville, open daily.

Veterans Book Club: Connecting and Healing through Literature, open to veterans only, receive a free copy of each month’s book. Meet third Wednesday of each month (November 15) at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for the Military and Veterans in Stevensville. Email Eric Johnson at info@VAMSA.US

Romeo and Juliet: Washington College Gibson Center, **Friday, November 17,** at 7:30 p.m. www.washcoll.edu.

The Nutcracker Story 10th Anniversary: at Chesapeake College Todd Performing Arts Center Saturday, November 18, at 6 p.m. 410 827-5867.

Holiday Craft Fair: Saturday, November 18 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. VFW Post 7464 Pavilion, Grasonville. For details, email densters@atlantiicbb.net.

Backyard Brews with Benefits 2: Beer fest with live entertainment and food. Sunday, November 19, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Kent Island Resort, Stevensville. Email: rohry@cultclassicbrewing.com

Tuesdays at Six Open Mic: at QAC Centre for the Arts, Centreville, Tuesday, November 21, at 6 p.m.

Centreville Christmas Parade: Friday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Centreville. This is one of the largest Toys for Tots events of the year. This year’s theme is heroes (military, police, firefighters, teachers, nurses, farmers, etc.) Bring an unwrapped toy to help give local children presents for Christmas.

Centreville Elementary School Holiday Vendor and Craft Fair: Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Twas the Night Before Christmas Quilt Exhibit: Fiber Arts Center in Denton, Sunday, December 3, through Saturday, January 13. www.fiberartscenter.com

“Little Women”: at the Garfield Center in Chestertown, December 1 – 17, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. www.garfieldcenter.org

Holiday Marketplace – fine arts and crafts: Friday – Sunday, December 1–3 in the Waterfowl Festival Building in Easton www.facebook.com/christmasineastonartandcraft

Church Hill Theatre: www.churchhilltheatre.org

God of Carnage – through Sunday, November 19.

A Christmas Carol – Friday – Sunday, December 15–17.

Sudlersville Train Station Museum: Open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. first Saturday of every month through December

Christmas Shoppes: Open at Old Wye Mills on Saturday, December 2 and 16. <https://www.old-wuemill.org/>.

Christmas Memories: Queen Anne’s Chorale, Saturday, December 2, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 3, at 3 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church. <https://qachorale.org/>

Centreville Holiday House Tour: Lansdowne Manor Sunday, December 17, from 3 – 5 p.m. Tickets required, www.visitqueenannes.com/event/holiday-house-tour-lansdowne-manorqueen-annes-county-historical-society for tickets.

KIFA: Open Thursdays through Sundays from 1 – 4 p.m., www.kifa.us

- **3-D Show and Holiday Art Show:** Thursday, November 2, through Friday, December 22.

- **Holiday Bazaar:** Saturday, November 18, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., janp4927@gmail.com

Queen Anne’s County Center for the Arts: Open Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
www.queenannescountyarts.com

- **“The Power of Art”** – Paintings by The Working Artists Forum, sale through Saturday, November 18.
- **Gnome for the Holidays:** Sip and Paint Party Friday, November 17 from 7 – 9 p.m.
- **Chris Sacks Band:** Covers music from Jimmy Buffett to Tom Petty at the Cult Classic, Friday, November 17, at 7 p.m. www.visitqueenannes.com
- **Heck with The Malls Artisans Sale:** Saturday, December 4 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **Stef Scaggiari Christmas Concert:** Saturday, December 9.

Chestertown: www.townofchestertown.com

- **Holiday Festival:** Friday – Saturday, November 24 and 25.
- **Dickens of a Christmas Holiday House Tour:** Saturday, December 2. Tickets: www.Eventbrite.com
- **A and E Holiday Art Walk throughout downtown Chestertown:** Saturday and Sunday, December 16, 17.

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18: 2619 Centreville Rd., 410-758-3584

- **Friday night dinners:** November 17 at 5 – 7 p.m.
- **Kingsman Poker Run:** Saturday, November 18 at 2 p.m.
- **Blood Drive:** Wednesday, November 22, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Toys for Tots:** Sunday, November 26, at noon.
- **Garden Club Annual Wreath Making:** Thursday, November 30, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Queen of Hearts Drawing:** Sundays at 6 p.m.
- **Bingo:** Wednesday, December 13 at 8 p.m.

Attraction (page numbers listed for reference in the November’s *Attraction*)

- **Bayside Quilter’s Handmade Market:** at the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company on the 2nd floor on Friday, November 18, from 3 – 7 p.m., and Saturday, November 19, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., p. 129.
- **Festival of Trees:** In the Gold Ballroom at the Tidewater Inn in Easton, Saturday – Tuesday, November 25 – 28. Includes Carols by Candlelight on Friday from 5 – 7 p.m. www.festival-of-trees.org, p. 134.
- **Christmas in St. Michaels:** Friday – Sunday, December 8 – 10. Includes the Talbot Street Parade, lighted boat parade (Thursday at 6 p.m.), tour of homes, marketplace shopping, and more. www.christmasinstmichaels.org, p. 118.
- **Dickens of a Christmas:** Friday, December 1, at 5 p.m. through Saturday, December 2, at 6 p.m. on Main Street in Chestertown. Step back into 1840s London and experience the holiday season like Charles Dickens with carriage rides, entertainment, holiday home tour, food, book talks, merchandise and more! www.mainstreetchestertown.org/dickens-festival. p. 146.
- **Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum’s Holiday Edition of the Eastern Shore Sea Glass and Coastal Arts Festival:** Sixty exhibitors, live music, and food on Saturday, November 18, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at CBMM’s waterfront campus. p. 123.
- **See shows at the Avalon** p. 119.

Queen Anne's County Library: www.qaclibrary.org, 410-758-0980

Ongoing Technology Help: schedule one-on-one help by appointment at Centreville Library. 410-758-0980

- **Adult Story Time on Wheels:** Themed backpack kits filled with books, activities, sensory items for adults with memory loss. www.qaclibrary.org/adult-storytime-on-wheels.
- **Books by Mail:** 410-643-8161 or 410-758-0980.
- **The Memory Center:** Transfer old home videos to disk or thumb drive. Free at Centreville Branch.
- **Crime and a Cuppa:** Join mystery reader extraordinaire Kathleen Wilson for an hour of mystery Saturday, December 16, at 10 a.m. at the Centreville Branch.

The Adkins Arboretum: (410-634-2847), www.adkinsarboretum.org. More on their website, many programs require registration.

- **Autumn Harvest Soup 'N Walk:** Saturday, November 18, from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- **Smart Planting Management:** A Claudia West lecture: learn how to balance your garden's needs. Saturday, November 18, at the Academy Art Museum, Easton.
- **Holiday Collage:** Create fun and festive native-inspired greeting cards, gift tags. Thursday, November 30 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Paint a decorative watercolor wreath:** Friday, December 1, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **Healing Walks:** 1st Friday, December 1 at 10 a.m., email jhoughton@adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-6342847.
- **Holiday Open House:** Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3.
- **Holiday Greens Workshop:** Join floral designer Nancy Beatty to create an elegant centerpiece. Saturday, December 2, from 10 – noon.
- **1st Saturday Walks:** December 2 at 10 a.m., join a docent naturalist to explore the Arboretum's native plant habitats.
- **Longwood Gardens Holiday Lights:** Bus trip from 1 p.m. – 10 p.m. Monday, December 4.
- **Scents of the Seasons:** All about essential oils Saturday, December 9, from 1 – 2 p.m.
- **Turning of the Season Walk:** Rejuvenate your spirit in the stillness of the winter woods with Margan Glover, look for signs of hidden activity. Sunday, December 10, from 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Markets:

- **Order delicious fresh bread from Centreville baker:** go on Facebook and search for [Lucky Heart Bakery](#) and email her at anna@luckyheartbakery.com
- **Chestertown Farmers' and Artisans' Market:** Saturday year round, 8 a.m. – noon, High Street.

Kent Island Farmer's Market: Thursday year round, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., at Cult Classic Brewing, 1169 Shopping Center Rd, Stevensville.

- **Easton's New Dover Road and Artisans' Farmer's Market:** Saturdays year round, 9 – noon.


Learning Adventures:


- <https://chesapeakeforum.org>
- **Institute For Adult Learning:** 45 courses, history current events, brain body health, literature, crafts, and more. \$90 fee for unlimited courses. Brochures in Clubhouse. www.instituteforadultlearning.org

- **Find Your Chesapeake:** a new adventure is featured each month with Trips and Tips, including birdwatching, fishing, camping, and hiking. www.FindyourChesapeake.com

*Please send me pictures of events you attend for others to enjoy! If you know of any events you'd like to share, please email them to me at godfreycb@me.com.

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